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High-Speed Rail Crossing Improvements at Illinois 113 in Braidwood Begin June 20

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that as part of the Chicago-to-St. Louis high-speed rail project, the Main Street (Illinois 113) crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, in Braidwood, will be closed, weather permitting, starting, Monday, June 20. The crossing will reopen, weather permitting, by Monday, July 25.

A detour will be in place, directing traffic to use the Coal City Road crossing. Eastbound traffic on Illinois 113 should go north on Illinois 129, east on Coal City Road, across the tracks, and south on Illinois 53 to meet back up with Illinois 113. Westbound traffic on Illinois 113 should take the reverse route.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The improvements to the crossing include the installation of four-quadrant gates to prevent vehicles from traveling over the tracks while trains are passing, new signage and pavement markings, and upgrades to pedestrian crossings and sidewalks.

The upgrades are part of the high-speed rail program to accommodate passenger service between Chicago and St. Louis at speeds up to 110 mph, reducing the length of the trip by one hour. The entire corridor is tentatively scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017. Approximately 150 crossings along the route will be improved to include additional safety features.

For details on other upcoming closures and additional information on the high-speed rail program, visit www.idothsr.org.

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